

PREVIEWS

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



SC COUNTY SYMPHONY

Mitchell Sardou Klein takes on a masterpiece of sacred music this weekend as he directs the SC County Symphony and the 100-voice Cabrillo College Chorus, recently back from its Russian tour, in Giuseppe Verdi's famous "Requiem." Featured soloists for this special concert are soprano Katya Roemer, mezzo-soprano Cathy Findley, tenor Philip Taylor and the renowned bass David Tigner. The Sunday show takes place in magnificent San Juan Bautista. Cabrillo College Theater, 8pm, Saturday; San Juan Mission, San Juan Bautista, 5pm, Sunday.



YOUNG AT ART

You can learn how to make a puppet, watch a Native American dance or listen to folk tales and a great deal more at a celebration of the arts directed especially at children. Sponsored by the Cultural Council, the event highlights the work of the SPECTRA program, which unites local artists with school-age hopefuls. Scores of workshops and activities will be offered through the day to pique the esthetic interest of young and old alike. Cabrillo College, 10am-4pm, Saturday.



CONJUNTO CESPÉDES

Dance to the Afro-Cuban sounds of Conjunto Céspedes in a benefit concert for the local Food and Nutrition Services, the folk who bring you Meals on Wheels, Emergency Food Bank and Lift Line. Conjunto Céspedes, an 11-piece rhythmic roots band consisting of two brothers and two sisters will be joined at the Vets Hall by Conga Belle. SC Vets Hall, 8pm, Saturday.



ANGELA STREHLI

One of the forces behind the emergence of Austin, Texas, as a blues hot-spot, Strehli is a master of the pure Texas R&B sound. Her smoky, steamy vocals are backed up by some of Texas's finest sidemen, including guitarist Denny Freeman. O.T. Price's, 9:30pm, Saturday.



MICHAEL JANS

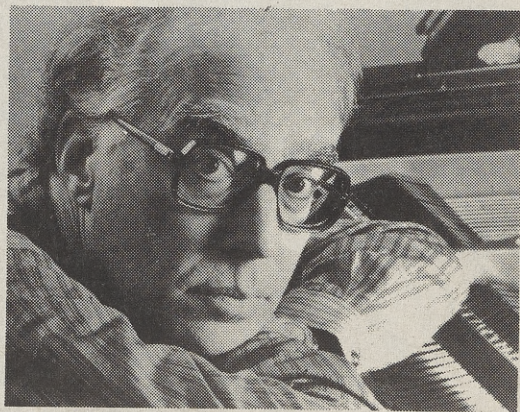
THE NEVILLE BROTHERS

From blues to mainstream pop-rock, the Neville Brothers never lose touch with their roots dug in the syncopated funk of traditional New Orleans party music. With decades of experience between them, the brothers know how to segue away from Aaron's heart-breaking falsetto on "Tell It Like It Is," to the second-line stomp of "Hey, Pocke-way." Catalyst, 9:15pm, Wednesday.



ORQUESTA GITANO

America's musical melting pot has turned out some exceptionally tasty mixtures. The 10-member Orquesta Gitano, a blend of Afro-Cuban-Puerto Rican-Jazz rhythms and techniques that they call salsa-fusion, presents an intense and exciting sound satisfying the ear's appetite for hot and spicy Cinco de Mayo music. Catalyst, 9:15pm, Thursday.



STEVE KUHN TRIO

During his years with John Coltrane, Art Farmer and others, jazz pianist Steve Kuhn was known primarily for his original compositions. Lately, however, Kuhn has shifted his emphasis, preferring accessible improvisations based on the familiar harmonic context of standards. He appears with drummer Al Foster and bassist Buster Williams. Kuumbwa, 8pm, Monday.